



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE (Case No. 02-451-A)

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) Examiner: TBD
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) Group Art Unit: 2875
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) Confirmation No.: 5347
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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR § 1.136

Sir:

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time from November 25, 2003 to February 25, 2004 with which to file a response to Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application Mailed September 25, 2003. If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor. A check for \$950.00 is enclosed herewith to cover the expense of filing a petition under 37 CFR § 1.117(a)(3).

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: 1/29/04

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